

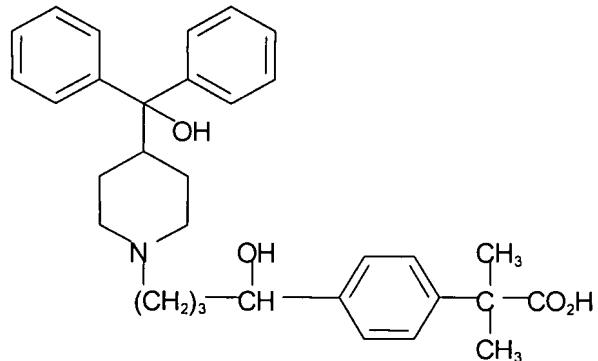
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. An election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 has been required to the subject matter of:

1. A disclosed species of sympathomimetic drug (i.e. Claim 2).
2. A disclosed species of piperidinoalkanol compound (i.e. Claim 4) wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, Z, m and n are specifically defined.
3. Identify a definition for X in formulas IIIa and IIIb in Claims 6 and 7.

Applicants elect the following species without traverse. All of the pending claims read on the following species.

1. Species of sympathomimetic drug: pseudoephedrine
2. Species of piperidinoalkanol compound: fexofenadine and salts thereof having the following structure



3. Definition of X in formulas IIa and IIIb in Claims 6 and 7: 0 or 1

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response.

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